Export of Low Quality Coffee Seeds

830. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased tto state:

(a) the quantity of low quality coffee seeds exported during 1994-95 and the target fixed for export during 1995-96;

(b) whether Government are awre that the domestic market has been affected severely due to export of low quality coffee seeds;

(c) if so, the reasons for such export; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no such classification of coffee as 'low quality coffee'. Coffee is normally classified as low and high grades according to bean size and preference in the market. A total quantity of 13,285 tonnes of low grads coffee was exported during 1994-95. Government does not fix gradewise target for export of coffee.

(b) No, Sir. No such report has been received. Export of low grade coffee constitutes on an average 10% of the total exports.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Now Coal Projects

831. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some new coal projects have been approved during 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some time limit has been prescribed for implementation of such projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof, project-wise, with capacity and cost involved on each project; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (e) The Government have approved three new coal mining projects during 1994-95 details of which are given below:—

	Name of Project/Company	Capacity in million tonnes per annum	Sanctioned cost in Rs. crores	Target date of achieving project output
1.	Padmavati Khani Underground, SCCL	1.20	196.17	March, 2000
2.	Urimari Opencast, CCL	1.30	95.33	March, 1998
3.	Mugoli Opencast, WCL	0.80	83.63	March, 1999

Import of Soyabean by SOPA

832. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rules were relaxed to allow the Soyabean Processors Association of India (SOPA) to import one million tonnes of Soyabean;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated losses in custom duties on this account;

(d) whether Agriculture Ministry has apprehended that Soyabean import may infect domestic Soyabean crop as reported in the 'Indian Express' dated 4.7.95 and 5.7.95;

(e) whether SOPA met the export obligation and

(f) if not, the action taken against SOPA in this regard?